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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT**

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Application Number 09/853,760	Filing Date May 14, 2001	Examiner Unassigned	Art Unit Unassigned
Invention Title MINIMALLY TRAUMATIC SURGICAL DEVICE FOR TISSUE TREATMENT		Inventor(s) TORMALA et al.	

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1. In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in conformance with the procedures of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 and M.P.E.P. § 609, attorneys for Applicants hereby bring the attached references to the attention of the Examiner. These references are listed on the attached modified PTO Form No. 1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.
2. Copies of the references listed on Form 1449 are attached hereto.
3. It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement. However, should any fees be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 11-0600 for such fees. A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed for charging purposes.

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